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Route 123 Adjacent
To CIA Headquarters
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Mr. Shiva K. Pant
Director, Office of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Pant:

Thank you for your letter of July 18 regarding the CIA's off-site road improvements in connection with their expansion program. The engineering studies for these road improvements prepared over the past several months have resulted in two alternatives for improving Route 123. Alternative 2 provides for two at-grade signalized intersections and Alternative 4 provides for grade separation structures at Georgetown Pike and the CIA entrance.

Due to the projected traffic volumes for the year 2005, both of these alternatives require six lanes on Route 123. In an effort to reduce citizen opposition to six lanes on Route 123, which has been voiced at the CIA Traffic Advisory Committee meetings, four lanes will be constructed on Route 123 initially and the CIA will implement a traffic management system whereby the existing peak hour vehicle arrival/departure rate at each entrance will not be exceeded.

These improvements, plus the CIA's traffic management system, should provide adequate traffic service on Route 123 until the six lanes noted in the Statewide Transportation Plan for the Year 2005 are implemented. However, if the CIA does not enforce their traffic management system, then the agreement provides for CIA funds to be used for adding the third lane on Route 123 from the vicinity of Potomac School Road to Merchants Lane.

The present thinking at the Department and CIA is to grade the 123 roadway for the future six lanes when the four lanes are constructed initially. This will eliminate the need to disturb any existing pavement when Route 123 is six-laned and the $500,000 should be adequate to cover the paving cost.

As soon as the agreement between the CIA and the Department is executed, we plan to proceed with an Environmental Assessment of the two alternatives. Upon completion of that study, the CIA will hold a public meeting to discuss the alternatives.

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I appreciate Ms. Falck's and your interest in the CIA's off-site roadway improvements.

Sincerely,

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